Corruption Charges against two Cabinet Ministers

1592. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Deputy Prime Minister through a letter, had recently brought to the notice of the Prime Minister alleging financial impropriety by two Cabinet Ministers and levelled charges of corruption against them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that he has requested for a probe into the allegations; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was alleged that due to kickbacks it was decided to import Phosphoric Acid from Morocco and purchase turbines from a company, whose tender was not the lowest.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The former Dy. P. M. was requested to substantiate the allegations so that they could be scrutinised and processed. This has not so far been done.

Development of Natural Sources of energy during the 8th Five Year Plan

1593. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 8th Five Year Plan Approach Paper has not clearly spelt out development of promising renewable sources of energy such as alcohol and wind power and full utilisation of natural resources like natural gas;

(b) whether Government have received representations from some Members of Parliament in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether these would be duly corrected in the said document on the basis of these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The Approach Paper to the 8th Five Year Plan has spelt out "the need for long-term policy for optimal management of both demand and supply of different sources of energy (including renewable sources of energy) if only to ensure sustained development in the coming decades". The details of the development of specific renewable sources of energy in the 8th Five Year Plan would be discussed in the 8th Five Year Plan document which is under preparation.

(b) The Planning Commission has not received any representation from Members of Parliament on this subject.

(c) Does not arise.

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Moscow

1594. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of students studying in Kendriya Vidyalaya in Moscow-class (section and stream-wise), during the current academic session;

(b) what are the details of India based teaching staff posted there, along with dates of their joining;